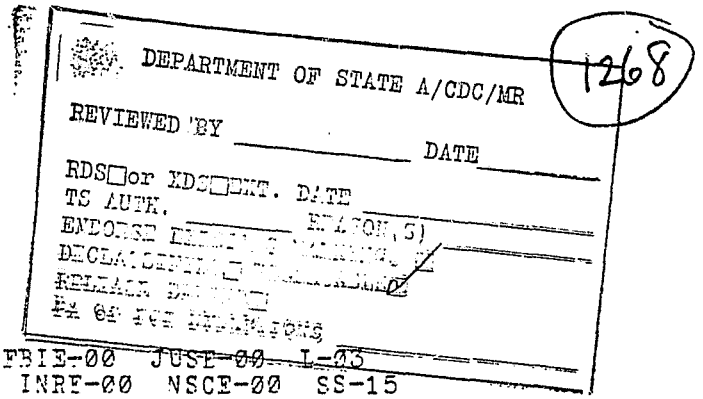

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REF: (A) STATE 299119 (B) BUSHNELL/WARD TELCON 11/26/78
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS KEYED TO PARA 2 OF REFTEL (A):
2. ACTIONS TAKEN BY U.S. MILITARY:
A) UPON ARRIVAL AT SITE, THE JOINT TASK FORCE (JTF)
MET WITH NATIONAL POLICE OFFICIALS AND THE COMMANDANT OF THE
GDF BATTALION WHO HAD ARRIVED AT THE JONESTOWN SITE SUNDAY
NIGHT. THESE OFFICIALS TOOK THE JTF THROUGH THE AREA,
EXPLAINED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY SEARCHED EVERY RESIDENCE AND
BUILDING, AND POINTED OUT THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE BODIES NOT
AMONG THE MAIN GROUP AROUND THE CENTRAL PAVILION. THESE
OFFICIALS ALSO PROVIDED THE JTF WITH THE FIRST ESTIMATED COUNT.
B) THE JTF THEN MADE THEIR OWN SEARCH, ENTERING EVERY
BUILDING AND COVERING EVERY INCH OF TERRAIN.
C) THE JTF REMOVED THE ISOLATED REMAINS FIRST, BEFORE
ADDRESSING THE TASK OF REMOVING THOSE PILED AROUND THE PAVILION.
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D) ALTHOUGH THE PRESENCE OF UNDISCOVERED BODIES WOULD HAVE
BEEN OBVIOUS FROM THE STRONG ODOR ALONE, THE JTF MADE ANOTHER
COMPLETE SWEEP OF ALL BUILDINGS AND THE AREA AFTER ALL BODIES HAD
BEEN BAGGED. COL. WILLIAM GORDON, USA, ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR
SATURDAY NIGHT THAT A CHECK PRIOR TO FINAL DEPARTURE OF THE JTF
DISCLOSED NO REMAINS OR EVIDENCE OF REMAINS OTHER THAN THE FIVE
GRAVESITES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.
3. ACTIONS TAKEN BY EMBASSY OFFICERS:
A) CONSULAR OFFICER RICHARD MARTIN WAS AT THE SITE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. DURING THESE TWO VISITS HE COMBED THE
AREA LOOKING FOR ANY IDENTIFIABLE PERSONAL EFFECTS WITH ANY
VALUE. HE ENTERED ALL OF THE ADMIN. BUILDINGS IN WHICH BODIES
HAD INITIALLY BEEN DISCOVERED, MOST OF THE OTHER RESIDENCES AND
ENCOUNTERED NO HUMAN REMAINS.
B) CONSULAR OFFICER JAMES WARD WAS AT THE SITE ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, TO MAKE AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTENCE OF
ANY TANGIBLE PERSONAL ESTATES AND THE FEASIBILITY OF SECURING
THEM. DURING THIS EXERCISE HE ENTERED ALL BUILDINGS WHERE
BODIES HAD BEEN DISCOVERED, ALL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES,
INCLUDING THE PAVILION, ALL LARGE DORMITORIES AND A NUMBER OF

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THE SMALL RESIDENCES. HE DISCOVERED NO HUMAN REMAINS. HE ALSO OBSERVED THE LOADING OF THE LAST REMAINS OF THE TRANSPORT HELICOPTER.

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